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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

L. BARANOVA et al.

Application No.: 09/076,956

Filed: May 13, 1998

For: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF

NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID

SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS SOLID SUPPORTS IN THE SAID

PROCESS

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Group Art Unition 19623

Examiner: L. Crane

Atty. Docket No.: 9710-007

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2000, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks for consideration and entry into the record of the above captioned application. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims please cancel claims 80-103 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 104-107 as follows: